

Hawai'i Coalition for Dads

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*June was Father's Month in Hawai'i*

## HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS events

Hawai'i Coalition for Dads' 9th Annual CELEBRATE FATHERS Day was held on Saturday, June 16th at Windward Mall in Kaneohe. This event celebrated "June is Father's Month" as proclaimed in ceremonies by **Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona**, **Kaua'i Mayor Bryan Baptiste**, **Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann**, and the **Kaua'i and Honolulu City Councils**.

HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS Day included Father-Child Look-Alike Contest, balloon animals, entertainment, and information tables for dads, kids, and families. The **Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame Serenaders** and **MAUNALUA** entertained dads and their families.



Father-Child Look-Alike contestants at CELEBRATE FATHERS Day at Windward Mall on Oahu (photo: *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, 6/17/07)

Guest judges **Ron Mizutani** (KHON-TV) and **Justin Fujioka** (KITV) helped select winners from the 52 Father-Child Look-Alike Contest entrants. Lt. Gov. Aiona signed legislation making the State Commission on Fatherhood a permanent commission, and capped off the afternoon by presenting prizes to the Father-Child Look-Alike Contest winners.

Family-friendly activities and information were provided by the **Hawai'i Coalition for Dads**, **PACT/Hana Like & Early Head Start/Head Start**, **HCAP Head Start**, **Dept. of Health Early Intervention Section**, **Kathy's Parenting Solutions**, **Kauka'i ka 'Ohana**

(Strength in Families), and **Keiki IDs** by the **Missing Child Center**.

At the Windward Mall and the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, HCD partnered with the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) on its Golden Dads Campaign on Father's Day weekend. Dads received **Golden Dads gift bags**—including a *Directions for Dads*™ CD ROM, a *Golden Dads* button, and other local and national fatherhood materials.

During June HCD volunteers also helped staff Pearlridge Center's multimedia showcase based on the animated movie "Robots" with large-scale educational, interactive and hands-on displays.

HCD sponsors and participates in father-focused events each June to motivate, inspire, reach out to, and thank the important dads and all special father-figures in the lives of Hawai'i's children and adolescents.

The Hawai'i Coalition for Dads' Father's Month activities this June were supported by a grant from the **HMSA Foundation**. ~Hi Dads~



**Charlton Leleo Jr. & Charlton Leleo Sr.**—Windward Mall Father-Child Look-Alike Contest Winners (photo: *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, 6/17/07)

## Kaua'i's Dads' Coalition activities:

### *Father's Month Proclamation*

To recognize and celebrate the important role of dads in families, Mayor Bryan Baptiste and the Kaua'i County Council presented their June is Father's Month proclamation in a special ceremony at the historic Kaua'i County Building on Wednesday, June 6th (photo below).

A group of dads who provide leadership for Kaua'i's Dads' Coalition received the proclamation. They were **Bernard Carvalho**, **Thomas Lindsey**, **Barry De Blake**, **Lopaka Bodner**, and **George Cummings**. Also present for this occasion were **Kawika Rogers**, **Canen Ho'okano**, **Richard Drapesa**, **Frank Ranger**, **Pastor Kua**, **Kenny Ishi**, and **Edward Keoho**. Some of the dads were joined by their children and grandchildren at the proclamation ceremony.

The Mayor, City Council, and Kaua'i's Dads' Coalition urged Kaua'i dads to take a moment on Father's Day to recommit to their responsibility to be involved in the lives of their children and families.



### *First Kaua'i Fatherhood Conference*

Kaua'i's Dads' Coalition held the first-ever Kaua'i Fatherhood Conference at the Kaua'i Hilton Hotel on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

The conference dads were inspired by presentations by **Rich Miano**—a University of Hawai'i Warrior football assistant coach, **Thomas Kaulukukui**—Chair and Trustee for Queen Liliu'okalani Children's Center, and **Mike Dias**—a Big Island representative to the State Commission on Fatherhood.

"This was an opportunity to connect dads as a group and emphasize the importance of their role with their children and families," said Bernard Carvalho, Kaua'i's representative to the State Commission on Fatherhood, which helped provide TANF funding for the conference.

Conference dads learned that more than a quarter of America's children—nearly 17 million children—do not live with their father, as reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The DHHS report notes that "**girls** without a father in their life are 2 1/2 times as likely to get pregnant, and 54% more likely to commit suicide. **Boys** without a father in their life are 63% more likely to run away and 37% more likely to abuse drugs."

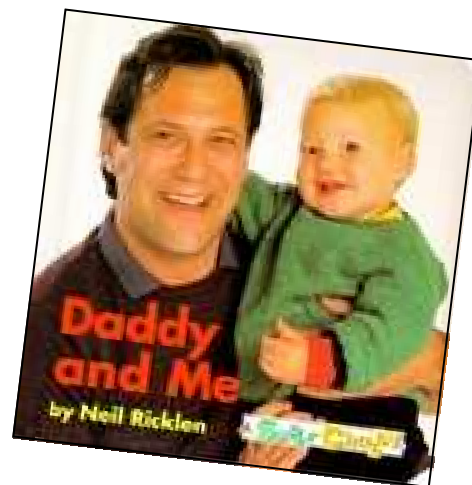
For more information on Kaua'i's Dads' Coalition, call 241-4468. ~HI Dads~



**2007 Read To Me Conference—June 28 and 29, 2007—Hawaii Convention Center****The Magic of Reading**

The Hawai'i Coalition for Dads presented the following father-friendly breakout sessions at Read To Me's 2007 "The Magic of Reading" Conference June 28 & 29 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

- **Opening Up the Book: Look at Ways to Creatively Read and Communicate with Children**—**Jesse Lipman** (HCD Co-Chair) and **Clay Ah Soon**—both Father Facilitators at Hana Like/PACT's Hui Makuakane program. *Explored ways to enhance the experience of reading to children, stimulating their imagination and creating dialogue through books and stories. Discussed reading ideas and techniques and gave tips on building oral communication routines between children and adults through storytelling, creative reading, and poetry.*
- **Dads at a Distance**—**Chet Adessa**, Family Life Educator, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center (HCD Co-Chair). *Reading aloud is one of the best ways to cement the father/child bond, especially when dads are separated from their children due to deployment, work-related travel, separation and divorce. Learn some unique ways to help parents away from their children stay in touch with them and help them become lifelong learners.*
- **DADS (Developing Articulate Devoted Students) Who Read**—**Andreas Wiegand**, Family Support RT, Student Support Services Branch, DOE (former State Commission on Fatherhood member). *Fathers can make meaningful contributions to their children's learning. Shared practical tips and ideas on involving dads and having them share the joy of reading with their kids. Andy gave home ideas for follow-up activities and post reading bonding.* ~HI Dads~

**SCF still needs funding to have staff****State Commission on Fatherhood now permanent**

The State Commission on Fatherhood became a permanent commission with the signing of ACT 190 (SB249) in June.

The mission of the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood is to promote healthy family relationships between parents and children by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to state agencies and makes recommendations on programs, services, contracts, policies, and laws relating to children and families ([www.hawaii.gov/dhs/fatherhood/fatherhood/](http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/fatherhood/fatherhood/)).

The Fatherhood Commission will continue to seek funding for staff to help carry out its mandate to:

- 1) Act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body regarding the promotion of healthy fathering;
  - 2) Identify promising best practices that support and engage fathers;
  - 3) Identify obstacles that impede or prevent the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children;
  - 4) Raise public awareness about fatherhood;
  - 5) Recommend public policies and practices that increase and improve services to fathers; and
  - 6) Promote, foster, encourage, and otherwise support programs that promote fatherhood and counter poverty and low income by increasing the capacity of fathers to overcome personal challenges and become productive, independent, and financially responsible contributors to their family.
- ~HI Dads~

**Use your television to improve reading...build vocabulary...**

## **Words worth watching: Turn on your TV captions**

While children are watching TV cartoons, videos, and sitcoms, they can also be reading the captions.

Research has shown that just by watching captioned TV, young children who are learning to read are able to significantly improve their reading skills, people learning English can improve their language and vocabulary skills, and inexperienced readers and illiterate adults can augment their reading abilities.

Closed captioning displays the dialogue, narration and sound effects of a television or video program as words on a television screen, similar to subtitles on a movie. Unlike subtitled movies, closed captioning allows the viewer to choose whether or not to display the captions that are transmitted within the broadcast signal in encoded (or closed) form.



When television programming is viewed with the captions displayed, household members can enjoy the many educational benefits of captioning.

On average, kids spend over 30 hours a week watching television. By turning on captions, parents can turn those entertainment hours into learning hours.

Numerous studies on teaching **English as a Second Language** (ESL) and actual accounts relayed by ESL instructors have all come to the same conclusion: captioned television improves reading and listening comprehension, vocabulary, word recognition and overall motivation to read

among students who are learning English as a second language.

For children and adults with learning disabilities, captioned television helps improve comprehension as well as increasing self-confidence. Prior preparation, including class discussion and related hand-out materials coupled with captions that highlighted important key words resulted in the overall highest performance.

NCI developed the closed captioning service to provide 28 million people who are deaf or hard of hearing in the United States with access to the wide range of information and entertainment on television. Millions of other people can also benefit from watching captioning television. These audiences include: people learning English as a second language, young children learning to read, remedial readers, illiterate adults, and people watching television in noisy environments such as restaurants, bars and airports.

Source: National Captioning Institute ([www.ncicap.org](http://www.ncicap.org)). ~HI Dads~

### **2nd grant from the Compassion Capitol—Hawai'i Moving Forward Project**

## **HCD receives a Marketing Project grant**

Parents And Children Together and the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads have been awarded a 1-year, \$15,000 Marketing Project capacity building grant by the Compassion Capitol Project of the University of Hawai'i's Center on the Family.

HCD's Marketing Project will build on the goals and objectives of HCD's new 2007-2012 Strategic Plan, which was prepared with support from its previous Compassion Capitol Strategic Planning grant.

With guidance from its Marketing Project consultant—Hastings & Pleadwell—HCD will carry out its Marketing Project and implement the resultant HCD Marketing Plan with additional support from HCD's grant from the HMSA Foundation.

HCD is continuing its participation in the Compassion Capitol Fellows Program, coordinated by the UH Center on the Family. ~HI Dads~

Find it at [www.mrdad.com](http://www.mrdad.com)

## Daddycast

*Daddycast* is an Internet radio show podcast created for and by dads—and those who love them.

Each show will feature interviews with experts in parenting and relationships, news, reviews of the latest products and family-friendly movies, giveaways and contests, and answers to *your* email questions.

*Daddycast's* goal is to give you the knowledge, tools, encouragement, and support you need to be the kind of dad you want to be and that your family needs you to be.

Armin Brott, a nationally recognized parenting expert, is known worldwide as Mr. Dad. He is the leading author of books on fatherhood, which have sold millions of copies worldwide. Armin writes the nationally syndicated column, "Ask Mr. Dad," and hosts the "Positive Parenting" radio show. He is also a frequent guest on television and radio, and his advice has appeared in hundreds of publications worldwide.

Find *Daddycast* and other father and family resources at [www.mrdad.com](http://www.mrdad.com). ~HI Dads~



***"Fatherhood is the most important thing—everything else is a joke."***

Patrick Dempsey ("Grey's Anatomy" actor, on expecting twins with wife, Jillian Fink, in *Star Magazine*).

### Hawaii Families As Allies (HFAA)

## Dads Support Group

Hawai'i Families As Allies (HFAA) now has a support group for fathers and male caregivers of children or youth with social, emotional, or behavioral challenges.

The support group meets monthly. If you would like more information, contact Rod Uratsu, HFAA Community Resource Specialist at 487-8785. Rod facilitates this group and stresses that it be a safe and nurturing environment that dads can come to and get support. ~HI Dads~

## Support the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads.

*Help promote involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood in Hawai'i.*

☐ Please keep me informed about the activities of the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads.

☐ I would like to volunteer to help; contact me.

☐ Here is my contribution. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

~ Your donations are tax-deductible. ~

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**GOALS:**

1. To increase community awareness about fatherhood.
2. To promote the availability and accessibility of quality, father-centered community resources.
3. To advocate for informed public policy regarding fatherhood.
4. To strengthen community collaboration in support of fatherhood.
5. To respect and honor everyone's unique role in children's lives.

The Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, with funding from the HMSA Foundation under the umbrella of Parents And Children Together (PACT), is a group of individuals and organizations (including *Alu Like, eventions, inc., Family Support Services of West Hawai'i, Good Beginnings Alliance, Head Start agencies, Kamehameha Schools, Kathy's Parenting Solutions, Mediation Center of Molokai, PACT Hana Like Home Visitor Program, PARENTS, Navy Fleet & Family Support Center, State Commission on Fatherhood, and The Institute For Family Enrichment*) that shares information about services to fathers and promotes involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood.

**Fatherhood & Family Resources**

1. **Hilo**: Hawaii Island YWCA (Healthy Start) (961-3877)
2. **Kailua-Kona**: Family Support Services of West Hawai'i (326-7778; [fsswh.org](http://fsswh.org))
3. **Kaua'i**: Nana's Place/Child and Family Service (338-0252; [cfs-hawaii.org](http://cfs-hawaii.org))
4. **Maui**: Maui Economic Opportunity (Head Start; BEST Reintegration Program (249-2990; [meo.org](http://meo.org)))
5. **Molokai**: Mediation Center of Molokai (553-3844)
- Oahu (and statewide):**
6. TIFFE (Nurturing Fathers; Playgroups) (596-8433; [tiffe.org](http://tiffe.org))
7. PACT (Family Centers; Hana Like; Head Start; Family Peace Center) (847-3285; [pacthawaii.org](http://pacthawaii.org))
8. Navy Fleet & Family Support Center (Boot Camp For New Dads) (473-4222; [greatlife-hawaii.com](http://greatlife-hawaii.com))
9. PARENTS (Confident Parenting Classes) (235-0488);
10. Kathy's Parenting Solutions (352-3303)
11. The Baby Hui (groups for Dads, and Moms) (735-2484; [thebabyhui.org](http://thebabyhui.org))
12. The Parent Line (Info & Referral) (526-1222; [theparentline.org](http://theparentline.org))
13. AUW – 211 ([auw.org/211](http://auw.org/211))
14. HPIRC (HI Parental Information & Resource Centers) (841-6177; [hawaiiipirc.org](http://hawaiiipirc.org))
15. DOE Family Support (PCNC; Families for R.E.A.L.; VISTA) (733-4476; [familysupport.k12.hi.us](http://familysupport.k12.hi.us))
16. SPIN (Special Parent Information Network) (586-8126; [spinhawaii.org](http://spinhawaii.org))
17. Big Brothers Big Sisters (support for single dads and moms) (521-3811; [bigshonolulu.org](http://bigshonolulu.org))
18. Good Beginnings Alliance (Playgroups) (531-5502; [goodbeginnings.org](http://goodbeginnings.org))
19. Tutu and Me (traveling preschool for Hawaiian families) (524-7633; [tutuandme.org](http://tutuandme.org))
20. Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center (Hawaiian families) (847-1302; [qlcc.org](http://qlcc.org))
21. ALU LIKE (Hawaiian families) (535-6700; [alulike.org](http://alulike.org))

**Religious resources:** Contact your place of worship...church, temple, synagogue

**Internet Resources** (*check on their "Links," too*):

1. **mr.dad** ([mrdad.com](http://mrdad.com))
2. **fathers.com** ([fathers.com](http://fathers.com))
3. **Nurturing Father** ([nurturingfathers.com](http://nurturingfathers.com))
4. **Nat'l Fatherhood Initiative** ([fatherhood.org](http://fatherhood.org))
5. **Boot Camp For New Dads** ([newdads.com](http://newdads.com))